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- 1. BANK OF MEXICO TIGHTENED COMMERCIAL BANK RESERVE REQUIREMENTS STILL FURTHER, AND IMPOSED EFFECTIVE RESERVE REQUIREMENT OF 80 PERCENT ON DEPOSITS ON MEXICO CITY BANKS IN EXCESS OF SEPTEMBER 27 BALANCES. MOVE WAS ANTICIPATED BY BANKERS WHO WERE SCURRYING AROUND TOWN ON FRIDAY TRYING TO BUILD UP THEIR DEPOSIT BASE.
- 2. COMMERCIAL BANKS ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY 9 PERCENT OF TOTAL CREDIT OF BANKING SECTOR AT END-JUNE, AND ONLY 22 PERCENT OF CREDIT BY PRIVATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS. ANTI-INFLATIONARY EFFECT OF TIGHTER CONTROLS MAY NOT BE PARTICULARLY GREAT BUT WILL BE FELT BY PRIVATE BUSINESS.
- 3. THERE ARE ALSO RUMORS FLOATING ABOUT THAT INTEREST RATE CEILINGS WILL BE RAISED. JOVA

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